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a second panel fabricated from metal material and having an engaging locking member having an engaging hole which is engageable with the front segment of the locking claw portion to connect the second panel to the frame.

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4. (Amended) The frame kit according to claim 1, wherein the engaging locking member is formed as an integral construction with the second panel, moves angularly relative thereto in a resiliently biased manner from a position perpendicular to the second panel.

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11. (Three Times Amended) An IC card comprising:
a frame fabricated from an injection molding material and having an inner wall defining an internal space of the IC card;
a first panel fabricated from metal material and having a L-shaped locking member having a hanging portion and a locking claw portion forming the L-shape with the hanging portion and a rear segment of the locking claw portion being embedded and held in the frame to connect the first panel to the frame with a front segment of the locking claw portion projecting into the internal space from the inner wall of the frame;
a second panel fabricated from metal material and having an engaging locking member having an engaging hole which is engageable with the front segment of the locking claw portion inside the frame, said engaging locking member comprising a guiding portion that extends obliquely toward the internal space; and
a circuit board assembly constructed by mounting a connector on the circuit board, the circuit board assembly being contained between the first panel and the second panel.

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14. (Amended) The IC card according to claim 11, wherein the engaging locking member is formed as an integral construction with the second panel, moves angularly relative thereto in a resiliently biased manner from a position perpendicular to the second panel.

23. (Twice Amended) The frame kit according to claim 1, wherein the engaging locking member includes a guiding portion disposed forwardly of said engaging hole, the guiding portion extends obliquely toward the internal space to guide said engaging hole towards the front segment of the locking claw portion.

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24. (Twice Amended) The IC card according to claim 11, wherein the engaging locking member includes a guiding portion disposed forwardly of said engaging hole, and guides said engaging hole towards said front segment of the locking claw portion.

25. (Twice Amended) A frame for an IC card, comprising:
a generally U-shaped frame body fabricated from an injection molding material and having an inner wall defining an internal space; and
a panel fabricated from metal material and including a L-shaped locking member having a hanging portion and a locking claw portion with the hanging portion and a rear segment of the locking claw portion embedded and held in the frame body to connect the panel to the frame, where a front segment of the locking claw portion projects out from the inner wall and into the internal space.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-12, 14, 15, 17-26 and 28-30 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 3, 13, 16 and 27 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 4, 11, 14 and 23-25 are amended.

Entry of the Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the Amendment: a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; b) does not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration because the Amendment's amplified issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; c) does not present any additional claims without canceling a